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SUBJ: IA-ECOSOC 9TH ANNUAL MEETING: ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH'S  
REMARKS ON MEXICO CITY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

REF: QUITO 1627

1. IN CLOSED MEETING OF IA-ECOSOC COORDINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF HEADS OF DELEGATION TUESDAY, MARCH 12, ASSISTANT SECRETARY JACK B. KUBISCH PRESENTED U.S. VIEWPOINT ON IA-ECOSOC MEETING IN RELATION TO THE MEXICO CITY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (MFM), AND NEXT MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AS WELL AS THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MR. KUBISCH'S REMARKS WERE WARMLY AND FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY THE OTHER DELEGATIONS, WHO APPRECIATED HIS FRANKNESS AND WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES.

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2. IN OPENING HIS REMARKS, MR. KUBISCH SAID HE HAD BEEN SENT TO

QUITO BY THE SECRETARY WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO REAFFIRM AT THIS CONFERENCE THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE "SPIRIT OF TLATELOLCO." THE QUITO MEETING OCCURS DURING A TURNING POINT IN U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATION.

3. AMONG THE POINTS EMPHASIZED BY THE MFMs WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE SECRETARY'S COMMITMENT AND PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN OUR LATIN AMERICAN POLICIES AND THE U.S.'S DESIRE TO SETTLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE OUTSTANDING DISPUTES WITH LATIN AMERICA.

B. U.S.'S DESIRE TO DEVISE MEANS TO AVOID OR MITIGATE FUTURE DISPUTES.

C. U.S.'S WILLINGNESS TO COORDINATE AND CONSULT SYSTEMATICALLY WITH THE NATIONS OF THE REGION ON GLOBAL ISSUES.

D. U.S.'S DESIRE TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEMISPHERE.

4. CONCERNING THE U.S. VIEW OF THE MFMs AND OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE, MR. KUBISCH SAID:

A. THE TLATELOLCO CONFERENCE MARKED A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA.

B. IT ALSO MARKED, WE BELIEVED, THE BEGINNING OF THE BUILDING OF A NEW ATTITUDE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE.

C. WE HOPED THAT THIS SHIFT OF U.S. ATTITUDES WAS UNDERSTOOD BY THE LATIN AMERICANS TO REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM PAST U.S. POSITIONS.

D. WE HOPED THAT IT HAD LAID THE BASIS FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS BASED ON A MUTUAL RECOGNITION THAT THE PATTERNS NEED TO BE CHANGED AND IMPROVED AND A WILLINGNESS TO CONFRONT PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF EACH OTHER.

5. THE DIALOGUE INVOLVING THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE OAS AND IA-ECOSOC ON THE OTHER ARE DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF THE OVERALL INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WITH NO HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE ENCOMPASSING ALL THESE COMPONENTS. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DID, CONTINUED MR. KUBISCH, DISCUSS MATTERS OF CONCERN TO IA-ECOSOC, AND THE U.S. DELEGATION IS PREPARED, IF SO DESIRED, TO CLARIFY AND ELABORATE THE PROPOSALS MADE AT MEXICO CITY. THIS CANNOT BE A UNILATERAL EFFORT, HOWEVER, BUT WILL REQUIRE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE IN A COLLABORATIVE ENTERPRISE.

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6. A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WILL PROVIDE A KEY INPUT INTO THE BASIC DIRECTIONS OF HEMISPHERIC PATTERNS THAT WILL IMBUE OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS. THE COUNTRIES MEETING HERE SHOULD, IN OUR VIEW, EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND PROPOSALS OR ACTIONS WHICH WOULD ADVANCE THE POLICY INITIATIVES DISCUSSED AT TLATELOLCO. IF ANY COUNTRIES HAVE HAD TIME TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE SECRETARY AT MEXICO CITY, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO LEARN THE

RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES, CONTINUED MR. KUBISCH. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR SOME CONCRETE ACTIONS OR STUDIES, OR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS THAT COULD LEAD TO SUCH ACTIONS BY THE NEXT MFM OR THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEED NOT, IN OUR VIEW BE EXCLUDED FROM CONSIDERATION BY THIS BODY.

7. IN CLOSING ON A PERSONAL NOTE, MR. KUBISCH SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE BEGINNING OF A NEW MOOD OF CONFIDENCE REGARDING THE POSSIBILITIES AND GREAT POTENTIAL IN THE FUTURE OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. WHETHER THAT POTENTIAL IS REALIZED OR NOT WILL DEPEND UPON THE PRACTICAL FOLLOW-THROUGH ON THE PROCESS INITIATED AT TLATELOLCO. ALTHOUGH NO ONE NATION CAN GUARANTEE PERFECT PERFORMANCE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO DO ITS UTMOST TO IMPLEMENT THE SPIRIT AND CONTENT OF THE DECLARATION OF TLATELOLCO.

8. IA-ECOSOC PRESIDENT MONCAYO, ECUADORIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY, THANKED MR. KUBISCH FOR HIS REMARKS. HE WELCOMED THE CHANGED U.S. ATTITUDE AND THE "SPIRIT OF TLATELOLCO," WHICH COULD DO MUCH TO CHANGE THE STERILE ATTITUDES THAT HAD CHARACTERIZED RECENT IA-ECOSOC MEETINGS.

9. VENEZUELAN DELEGATE, OAS AMBASSADOR GONZALO GARCIA BUSTILLOS, ALSO THANKED MR. KUBISCH FOR HIS FORTHCOMING STATEMENT. HE ASKED IF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WOULD NOT DUPLICATE AN ALREADY EXISTING OAS COMMITTEE, WHICH COULD DO THE JOB IF PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE FUNDS?

10. MR. KUBISCH REPLIED THAT IT HAD BEEN THE LATIN AMERICANS WHO HAD PLACED TECHNOLOGY ON THE BOGOTA AGENDA, AND THE U.S. WAS ATTEMPTING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR AGENDA. THE CURRENT U.S. PLEDGE TO CIECC WAS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL EVER, AND THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS SOME QUESTION IF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE COULD BE FULLY UTILIZED WITHIN THE GUBBVUZ PERIOD. MR. KUBISCH SAID HOWEVER, HE WOULD COMMIT HIMSELF TO REVIEW THE U.S. PLEDGE LEVEL TO SEE IF IT NEEDED TO BE AMENDED. HE ALSO SAID THE USG WAS NOT WEDDED TO ANY GIVEN PROPOSAL ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ADAPTATION OF THE CURRENT BODY, CREATION OF A NEW BODY, OR ANY OTHER PROPOSAL ANY DELEGATION WANTED TO PRESENT.

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